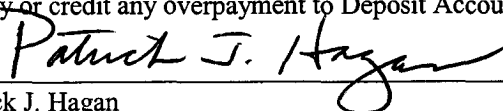


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Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a):

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of **THREE (3)** months beyond the time period set in the last Office Action. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$525.00 to cover this fee. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.



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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND TRAVERSAL OF REQUIREMENTS FOR
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Dear Sir:

In response to the March 13, 2008 Official Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: